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SPECIFIC— Fig Team Infiltration

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1. After failing to infiltrate into Albania on 16 August, the 5 man Fig Team was successful in their second attempt on 7 September. Fig Team reported, in its first W/T contact, that no trouble was encountered on the infiltration route.

2. After their aborted attempt, Fig was returned to the Athens area where they were debriefed by the operations section. New plans were made for the second infiltration attempt and while waiting for the end of the moon period Fig Team members were given refresher courses in map, compass, physical training, first aid, message writing, reporting, and weapons. The team became slightly stale during this waiting period, but as the final hour of infiltration approached, morale rose to a very high pitch.

3. As a result of some discrepancies in the story told by Fig Team members and AIBASH, it was decided to give the whole group LCFLUTTERS. The results of the LCFLUTTER confirmed our earlier opinion that Fig Team was being truthful about their failure to infiltrate and their disagreement with AIBASH. Not having previously experienced an LCFLUTTER caused some of the team members to be slightly upset. It was, however, explained to the team members that such tests were necessary in order that we might be better able to judge each man's reactions under various trying conditions. The team accepted this explanation.

4. Fig Team left the Athens area in high spirits and though they were momentarily set back at the border area, once the infiltration spot was selected, the group moved out in fine order. Fig Tree advanced toward the Albanian border at 2000 hours on 7 September and penetrated the border shortly thereafter. The Greek unit remained in the general area for approximately 3 hours to insure that all necessary support would be afforded the team in the event of trouble.

5. Prior to infiltration, arrangements were made with Fig to standby at L-2222 between 15 - 17 September to await a resupply drop of radio and batteries, if no W/T contact was made with Fig prior to 15 September. To date we have had 2 W/T contacts with Fig, therefore, no attempt will be made to resupply Fig on the above mentioned dates unless they request one.

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